Irrigation potential of Orissa

453. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa is lagging far behind the national average in the field of irrigation;

(b) if so, the approximate area that can be brought under irrigation in Orissa at present;

(c) the achievement so far made and the area of land brought under irrigation through major and medium irrigation projects; and

(d) the target fixed to bring the land under irrigation by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan period in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Ultimate irrigation potential of the country is assessed at 113 million hectares, out of which the ultimate irrigation potential of Orissa is 5.9 million hectares. By the end of Sixth Five Year Plan, about 60 per cent of the ultimate irrigation potential was created in the country whereas corresponding figure for Orissa is 44 per cent.

(c) Out of 30.01 m. ha. of irrigation potential created through major and medium sources at the end of the VI Plan in the country, 25.33 m. has been utilised.

(d) Additional irrigation potential of 706 thousand hectares is targetted to be created during the VII Plan period in Orissa.

Ransacking of House in Vasant Kunj by Delhi Police Personnel

454. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Delhi Police personnel along with some other people illegally trespassed into a residential premises located in Vasant Kunj, Sector, 'A', New Delhi in the last week of March, 1989 in the absence of the house owner and/or head of the family, ransakced the same and took away three minor chlidren along with other propertise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any representation from the said house owner and/or head of the family in this regard against the police excesses has been received by his Ministry; and

(d) if so, the action taken against the erring police officials and the other trespassers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Delhi Police have denied illegal trespass, the police entered the said premises, for the recovery of the children and seizure of property under the orders of the Court of Additional District Judge, Dibru Garh, Assam.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The complaint is being looked into and further action, if any, will be taken on merits.

Goswamy-Wadhwa Committee

455. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Goswamy-Wadhwa Committee was appointed;

(b) what were its terms of reference;

(c) how many sittings it has held so far;

(d) what is the expenditure incurred on the Committee till date;

(e) whether there is any proposal to fill up the vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice N. N. Goswamy;

(f) whether there is any proposal to further extend the term of the Commitee; and

(g) by when the Committee is expected to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Goswamy-Wadh-wa Committee was constituted on 23-3-88 to enquire into and record their findings on the following:—

(i) The incident of 15th January, 1988 in St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi regarding apprehension of a lawayer by the police.

(ii) The incident and reported lathi charge on 21st January, 1988 outside the office of the DCP/North, Delhi.

(iii) Circumstances leading to presence of a mob in Tis Hazari premises on 17th February, 1988 and the resultant violence.

(iv) Any other incidental development connected with the above. The final report was to be submitted wihin three months.

(c) 87.

(d) An amount of Rs. 6,74,713 has been incurred on the Committee till date.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The present term of the Committee has been extended upto 22-5-89.

(g) The Committee has examined the public witnesses and Advocates u/s 8-B of the Act. The police officers falling under setion 8-B have filed a Civil Writ Petition in the Delhi High Court. The continuance of further proceedings by the Committee now depends upon the result of the said writ petition.

Panel of Chief Justices on pendencyof cases in Courts

456. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had in the past constituted any panel of Chief Justices to study the problem of arrears and pendency of cases in High Courts;

(b) if so, what are the names of its members and what were its terms of reference;

(c) by when it is expected to submit its reports;

(d) how many vacancies of judges are there in the High Courts in each State as on date; and

(e) how many posts of Chief Justices are presently vacant and since when and also the steps taken to fill up all these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Government have, in the recent past, constituted a Committee of three Chief Justices of the High Courts to study the problem of arrears in the High Courts and Subordinate Courts and to suggest remedial measures. Composition of the Committee is as follows:

1. Shri Justice V. S. Malimath, Chief Justice, Kerala High Court.... Chairman

2. Shri Justice P. D. Desai, Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court.... Member

Chief Justice, Karnataka High Court... Member

(c) The Committee has been asked to submit its report to the Government as soon as possible.